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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Clarification of the Record, Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming, Notice of Inquiry, MB Docket No. 06-189

Dear Ms. Dortch:

From the submissions filed by various parties in the above-captioned proceeding, particularly by those addressing the topic of retransmission consent, there seems to be confusion as to the ownership structure and media holdings of CBS Corporation. The purpose of this letter is to set the record straight.

On January 3, 2006, CBS began formal trading on the New York Stock Exchange as a stand-alone, publicly traded company when Viacom Inc. separated its businesses into two companies after more than five years as a combined entity. The two companies are CBS Corporation, where television and radio broadcasting businesses are a principal focus, and Viacom Inc., where cable programming networks are a principal focus.

Specifically, CBS is a mass media company with constituent parts that reach back to the beginning of the broadcast industry, as well as newer businesses that operate on the leading edge of the industry. In the broadcast television sector, it owns the CBS Television Network, 50% of The CW Network, broadcast television stations under the CBS Television Stations Group, and network and syndicated programming producers and distributors CBS Paramount Network Television and King World. As for cable programming, CBS owns Showtime Networks, which operates the Showtime, The Movie Channel and FLIX premium cable program services, and CSTV Networks, which features CSTV: College Sports Television. A more detailed list of CBS's broadcast and cable holdings is contained in Attachment A.

For more than a year now, CBS and Viacom have operated as two separate companies. While Sumner Redstone is the controlling shareholder of both companies, CBS and Viacom have separate boards of directors and separate management teams. CBS and Viacom are now and have been since the date of separation two separate and different corporations. Since the companies were separated more than a year ago, CBS has negotiated retransmission consent for its broadcast television stations on its own, on the strength of its programming as the stand-alone company that it is, and has not pursued and does not pursue deals where CBS's retransmission consent is negotiated in tandem with carriage of Viacom's cable networks.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A

CBS Broadcast Television Interests

CBS Television Network
The CW (50% with Warner Bros. Entertainment)
CBS Television Stations Group
CBS Paramount Network Television
King World

CBS Cable Network Interests

Showtime Networks

Showtime) (and multiplexed, high definition and/or on-demand The Movie Channel) versions of these services, which versions are 1) available only to subscribers to the pertinent service)

Sundance Channel (37% of which is owned by Showtime Networks, with the balance owned by NBC Universal and an affiliate of Robert Redford)

Showtime Networks also owns a 90% interest in SNI/SI Networks LLC (10% of which is owned by Smithsonian Institution), which intends to launch a Smithsonian-branded linear and/or on-demand service.

CSTV Networks

CSTV: College Sports Television

the mtn: MountainWest Sports Network (50% with Comcast Corporation)